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# THE MISTIC

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## CHOIR SINGS OUT OF TOWN

### TRIP TO FERGUS FALLS PROVES EVENTFUL FOR SONGSTERS

The Chapel Choir's trip to Fergus was a mixture of broken axles, picnics, punctured tires, more picnics, wheels rolling around, three mile hikes, singing, and a lot of fun. The choir left Moorhead at one o'clock after giving a much appreciated concert at the Congregational Church of Moorhead. They left in various ways, some in delivery trucks and some in limousines. The cars were loaded, either with food or singers. When they came to a beautiful spot about five miles on this side of Fergus Falls they stopped for their picnic supper. The spot was an ideal one, heavily shrouded woods on one side, a clear shining swamp on the other, and the main road in plain sight.

Two members had taken the train and a car was sent after them. When the sumptuous repast was ready for consumption the car had not returned. Rather than eat cold potatoes the rest of the crowd promptly fell to. The lost ones did not return, so the Choir packed up everything, and just as the cars reached the highway the wayfarers returned, hungry and crestfallen. Alas, since everything was packed in the back of the car, they had to wait until the crowd reached Fergus. Then the Choir walked into the church—what did their sense of smell tell them?—coffee! Sure enough, coffee it was, and sandwiches, doughnuts, cakes, and other good things. By this time even the leader was puffing for breath, and they sadly feared for the breath of the singers during the concert.

The church was packed. The Choir was in top form in spite of their ride, and they represented our school well.

Then the famous ride home even; Paul Revere's ride looks pale in comparison. Yea, the truck did not have a punctured tire until about thirty miles from Fergus, neither did the limousine. But poor Webber's Ford waited until it got within three miles of Sabin to break its axle and lose a wheel.

### HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST AT M. S. T. C.

Contest, Saturday, May 9th, 10:30 to 4:00. Cities entered are Frazee, Detroit, Fergus Falls, Breckenridge, Moorhead, Beltrami, and Warren.

Judges are Mrs. Frank Temple, Mrs. L. B. Henderson, Mr. Ernest Wright, Miss Blakesley, Mr. J. A. Griffith, and Mr. Theodore Moore.

This is the first contest of its kind here. It is of great interest to the music students at the college in particular.

### DRAMATIC CLUB GIVES SPRING PLAY

"The Exchange," a one-act play by Althea Thurston, was given a splendid performance by the Dramatic Club in assembly period last Friday. The play is in two scenes and relates the fantastic story of an ancient judge, abetted by an Imp, who exchanges human ills for others not felt to be so bad. A Poor Man, a Beautiful Woman, and a Rich Man come to the Judge and exchange respectively indigestion for poverty, deafness for wrinkles, a milk man's job for wealth. In the second scene they return, sick of their bargains. The Judge, disgusted with human affairs, has packed up and left, and they must make the most of their ills with artificial aids offered by the Imp. Berta Divet as the Imp; Helen Bergquist as the Poor Man; Eva Madsen as the Beautiful Woman; Louise Murray as the Rich Man, and Adolf Reski as the Judge, made up the cast. They gave an unusually balanced and interesting performance, keeping well the fantastic note of the piece. Miss Ethel Tainter directed the production.

### FINAL ANNUAL

#### SALE ANNOUNCED

In chapel Wednesday the student body was informed that the last chance to purchase 1925 Praeceptors would be offered them Friday this week, and possibly a few days of next week. Since three-fourths of the annuals have already been contracted for, there are only a limited number left, and numbers of students who wish to subscribe. The book, when it appears on the campus, is sure to create a sensation and to be at least a nine-days' wonder. More than this, however, it will be a treasured object in the home for years to come. The many new and distinctive features, its beautiful cover, engravings and printing, and the interesting narrative quality of all its accounts of events will make it a desirable addition to any library. Be certain to stop at one of the selling tables and order your copy, before they are all sold.

President R. B. MacLean and Mr. C. P. Archer attended the May meeting of the Schoolmaster's Study Club at Fergus Falls last Friday night. The intended program was carried out before a good attendance of men. The Glee Club of Fergus Falls High School sang several numbers. The club adjourned for the summer, having made tentative plans to open next year's sessions at a nearby lake early in September.

## PEDS DEFEAT WOP NINE

### LINDBLOM AND CARLSTROM SHUT OUT VISITING TEAM

In the baseball game played on Memorial Field last Friday the Peds beat the Wops 12-0. The game was entirely one-sided and was unique in that it is the only no-hit, no-run collegiate game on record around here.

Lindblom was on the mound for the Peds the first four innings and struck out 11 out of 13 men, pitching a no-hit game. Carlstrom replaced Lindblom in the fifth inning and carried on the good work, striking out five men, and with good support from his team mates also pitched a no-hit game for the remaining three innings.

The game was not without its spectacular plays; Maxwell hit a three-bagger in the first inning with the bases full, and a little later Claude Nemzek did the same thing and drove in two runs. Claude got a hit every trip to the plate, knocking out two singles, a double and a triple. Ray Pugh caught an excellent game behind the bat, hanging onto Gus' fast ones and Charlie's curves in great style. The entire team played good ball, both in the field and at bat.

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### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS COMING FOR SUMMER

In anticipation of the usual large summer session enrollment the administration is now prepared to announce several additions to the regular faculty.

Miss Katherine Hodge, formerly of Fargo, who has spent the last year in study at Berkeley, Calif., will be an addition to the English Department. Miss Jean Hurst, Chicago, comes to the same department. In the Department of Mathematics, Superintendents J. J. Bohlander of Moorhead, and F. O. Fenniken of Glyndon will be found. Mr. A. F. Gamber, Fargo High School, will offer courses in political science. Mr. A. M. Sattre, Moorhead, in Mr. Ballard's department, will teach Health and Sanitation. Miss M. Alice Ide, Fergus Falls, newly selected principal of the Glyndon elementary school which will co-operate with the teachers college next year, will serve in the Education Department.



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## PUNCTURING A FEW BALLOONS

With that happy and primitive zeal with which the tribes once gathered to do to death some marauding pachyderm, the social sororities, joined for once against the common foe, made answer for their existence in last week's MiSTiC. We are that pachyderm; rising and surveying the ruins we find it hard to feel that even our tail has been twisted; certainly our tough hide is still intact.

We asseverated, on April 24: 1. That the sororities may have an end which is not sentimental; 2. That this is doubtful when the good of the whole is considered, for the sororities achieve whatever may be claimed for them in a very small number of cases; 3. That their primary object is not development in a literary, scholastic, or forensic way; 4. That membership is not based on recognition of any particular, or even of any all-around merit; 5. That they are closed groups doing practically nothing for the common delight and improvement, nor even serving, within themselves, any of the professional purposes of the school. We closed, not desiring to be dogmatic, with a respectful request for an explanation of their continued existence. The two principal questions (the others were merely rhetorical) asked were: What use are the sororities? If of some use, why are not more students offered their privileges?

We repeat this much because it is necessary, for the edification of the campus and of the sororities themselves. There was little relation between the carefully framed "answer" printed last week and the original mild editorial. With the usual guileless enthusiasm of defenders of lost causes the sororities leapt into the breach with pails of whitewash, leaving a gaping dark hole elsewhere in their defenses.

Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 of their answer are almost classic examples of the fallacy of appealing *ad populum*. Summing them up they mean: Maybe we have done only a little, maybe we have our faults, but we are no worse than others. Exactly. That is the point. We chose the sororities, haphazardly, as a starting point. We are

pleased to see some other organizations let in for a scrutiny.

Paragraphs 6 and 7, with their glittering array of facts (which we shall not bother to investigate) are likewise classic examples of fallacious reasoning, this time the fallacy of **mistaking the cause**. They simply establish, what we have long contended, that in spite of the time exacted by sororities in a two year college, there are many young women of excellent intelligence, ability, muscle, and perseverance in the membership. But note that the composite writers of the article do not even pretend that sorority membership is the cause of the ability, intelligence, muscle, and perseverance.

Paragraph 8 we agree with. Paragraph 9 we cannot question, because the facts are in their hands. If true, hearty congratulations.

But that final paragraph, magnificent, luscious peroration to as sad a piece of refutation as we have seen in a long and fruitful experience: "Friendships which bind the members in loyalty not only to each other but to the college as well." Oh, boo hoo hoo! Oh, dear old sororities, loving friends, ivy-covered walls of Alma Mater, may we never forget thee! By what right do we call this sentimentality? They have the unconscious nerve to ask that? Read it, dear girls, read it and weep. The second sentence of the final paragraph is that *quod erat demonstrandum*; the evidence offered does not, as we have shown, bear on the point. The last sentence is an assertion, a pronouncement of a creed, meaning, We're pretty good; there ought to be more like us; but it's none of our business.

As a piece of controversial writing the "answer" of the sororities should earn an immortal place among the worst specimens of the art.

But take heart. All is not lost. Failing to present an honest, frank defense themselves, the sororities may be glad to learn that we are offering one for them, with our best wishes. On many campuses defenders of the fraternity and sorority status quo have blundered, as they have done here, and attempted a de-

fense on trumped-up ethical grounds. It can't be done. Elsewhere they have found it out. Pre-eminently it can't be done in a two year college. Whitewash is not attractive. Why use it? Why not let the sororities stand out in their true colors?

Therefore: 1. The sororities furnish pleasure to their members.

2. They lend a touch of gayety to an atmosphere otherwise drab enough.

3. They command the voluntary loyalty of their members, which is more than can be said for most organizations or for all classes.

4. They cause some heart-burnings, but they can get together if the common feeling is strong enough. Instance the late "defense."

5. They provide their members with the great fun of being in a group that is not easy to get into.

6. They inflict no serious harm to studies, and by the familiar urge of having their members "in things" they do bring out talents, in a few girls.

You are welcome. There is no charge for this service. We don't even want your pleasant smiles, because except in a few easily identified instances your smiles would be of no use to us, no use at all.

## Y. M. C. A. ORGANIZATION EFFECTED

The recent visit which seven Moorhead college men made to Grand Forks at the time of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet Training Conference has borne fruit in the establishment of a Y. M. organization on this campus. The men who made the trip were present at a joint meeting with the women's organization last Thursday, and met at 1:00 Wednesday, selected officers and made tentative plans for a cabinet. The men have chosen Harlow Berquist, president; O. Bjork, vice-president; Lawrence Lee, secretary; Adolf Reski, treasurer. The complete cabinet will be chosen by the president, and an advisory board will be formed. The plans call for organization this spring, and the assumption of active work with the opening of the fall quarter next September.

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The line-ups are as follows:

Peds	Pos.	Wops
Pugh	C.	Kahl
Lindblom	P.	Basset
Carlstrom	P.	
Hanson	1st B.	Williams
Edwards	2nd B.	McElwain
Williams, Lee	3rd B.	Bute
Maxwell	S. S.	Lilja
C. Nemzek	L. F.	Skonhalt, Stone
T. Nemzek	C. F.	Nelson
Bjork, Nelson	R. F.	Leuthner



## The Clever Collegian

Mr. Harvey Monson, a promising young man who naturally gravitates to the center of any stage, suggests the following knockout for this week's column:

Hod: Doesn't it seem good to hear the umpire cry, "Batter up!" once more?

Jack: Yes. It reminds me of the days when I used to pass out the hot cakes at the Comstock.

MISS MARGARET QUAMMEN SAYS THAT IF NERO'S PLAYING WAS AS ROTTEN AS HARLOW BERQUIST'S, IT IS NO WONDER THAT ROME BURNED.

The Students Self-Government (or Communistic?) League, an extremely unofficial organization, recommends the following changes in the management of this school:

For Dean of Women.....Curtis Ballard  
For Registrar.....George Edwards  
Women's Athletics.....Jelly Erickson  
Men's Athletics.....Frances Cook  
Training Department.....Teddy Black  
Educational Department.....Ray Johnson

LOST—Between Fergus Falls and Sabin, one Ford rear axle, finder please return to Men's Glee Club.

The recent controversy over the value of sororities has already had far-reaching effects. Other organizations indirectly drawn into the discussion have become aroused. The Lambda Phi Sigma will proceed to raise the standards of the school forthwith; the Althaia will pay for their page in the Praeceptor; and the Owls will have another dance before the end of the term. Meanwhile those most vitally concerned will continue the argument, we hope.

Gates: Say, Eklund, you know I am going to quit painting.

Eklund: Why, are you getting worse?

Gates: Yes, the other day I was painting a picture of an Ape and I had to change the hair to white and make it a Swede.

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE TO HOLD ELECTION

Officers of the Women's League will be chosen by ballot voting in the Y. W. C. A. rooms from 1 to 3 o'clock on Monday, May 11. The league is an organization of all college women, the principal object of which is to give two school parties a year. Nominees are as follows: president, Clarice Holum, Clementine Small, Louise Murray; vice-president, Rose Lund, Rose Brown, Laverne Bell; secretary-treasurer, Rae Bigelow, Sentina Crema, Lillian MacDonald.

### FOUR YEAR COURSE

#### IS AUTHORIZED

As we go to press we learn that the Teachers College Board at its session this week authorized the establishment of a four year course in the teachers colleges of Minnesota, as soon as equipment and resources of the separate institutions warrant. The five year course, or any parts of it, will be discontinued thruout the state this year; the practice of granting special diplomas for three years of work will also cease. It is believed that only three institutions will arrange to offer subjects on the four year plan next year. These institutions are Winona, Duluth, and Moorhead. The plan here will be to organize work for next year and the year following, with the intention of granting some degrees in June, 1927.

### WORK ON PAGEANT

#### IS PROGRESSING

The pageant is almost ready to be turned over to the cast committee to be written in final form. On Wednesday, April 29, the pageant was read to the 8A class of the Junior High School by the chairman of each committee. This class has been working diligently upon the history of Moorhead. Great interest was shown during the reading and valuable suggestions were given. A faculty committee has been appointed. A joint meeting of this committee and the chairman and secretary of each committee in the pageantry class will be held Wednesday evening. Plans for tags and tickets are being formulated. The participants of the poster contest are busily getting their posters into shape. We shall soon see some real works of art. Several names for the pageant have been suggested but final decision has not yet been made.

### PRESIDENT MacLEAN ENGAGED FOR ADDRESSES

President R. B. MacLean has a full calendar of addresses to deliver at high school commencements the last week of May. On Monday, May 25, he will give the address at the graduation exercises of the Teacher Training Department of the Detroit public schools. Wednesday, May 27, he will be the speaker at the high school exercises at Graceville. Thursday he is speaking on a similar occasion at Red Lake Falls, Friday at New York Mills, and Saturday at Villard. All the towns are in the Moorhead State Teachers College district of Minnesota. The president is driving to most of them.

### WE LIST A FEW PEEVES

The young lady who never has streetcar fare, but wants to ride. (Perfectly lovely, providing the conductor thinks so.)

## MiSTiCisms

The Chapel Choir gave a full concert at the Stone Piano Company in Fargo last night. This concert was in connection with the concerts given during Music Week in Fargo. It was under the auspices of the Stone Piano Company.

Misses McKellar, Forbes, Carlson, Ma-land, Anna and Inez Johnson, T. Rosvold, J. Opgrand, and J. Iverson hiked to Gooseberry Mountain early Saturday morning for breakfast.

The concert given at the Methodist Church of Fargo by the choir Tuesday evening was a fine performance. It was presented to a very small but appreciative audience.

The Campfire groups are planning a picnic to be held Thursday, May 14. Some of the groups are also anticipating a week-end camping trip at Detroit.

"Ernie" Johnson, graduate of last term, made his appearance on the campus a number of times this week.

Hurrah! The Dormitory doors are open until eight o'clock on school nights.

The Kappa Pi Club held a coffee and sandwich sale on Thursday.

The Gamma Neeche girls enjoyed a picnic supper Wednesday evening.

The spring dancing party given by the Women's League was one of the most successful of the year. The note of spring was carried out in the decorations, in the color of the streamers, and in the "woody" decorations along the side. Especially effective was the electrically illuminated cake of ice which held the punch bowl. Five girls from the Junior Class presented a skit after the first dance. The faculty and men of the college, and "outside" men invited by the Senior women, were guests of the League.

### PLANS FOR PLAY

#### DAY ANNOUNCED

The members of the Rural Education classes and the Country Life Club will act as guides for the visitors at the County Play Day, Saturday, May 9. They will be shown the library, engine room, training school, and other places of interest. The individual contests, such as races and jumping, will be staged from 10:30 to 12:00. During the noon hour there will be music, and story-telling by Miss Wylie Nelson, a college Senior who has already gained a reputation in this line. The afternoon program will consist of plays and games. At 1:45, Newcomb and Dodge ball is offered. This will be followed by school plays, directed by the various teachers; then the flag salute and finally the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.



## TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

An interesting program given in the Junior High School during the assembly period last week consisted of original poems, talks on bird houses and bird nests, and discussions of birds found in this locality. Miss Jorgenson is in charge of this week's program which will be made up of musical numbers by the group and a reading by Mr. Johnsrud.

The children in the kindergarten have started their spring vegetable and flower gardens. They hope the sunshine will hasten the growth of the radishes and lettuce so that they will be able to enjoy sandwiches before school is out. Pumpkins were also planted which will furnish fine jack-o-lanterns for Halloween next fall.

A sand table of the Philippine Islands has been started in the fifth grade. The bamboo houses, the homes on stilts, the piles of lava, and the strange mulattoes are all in the scene. Picture slides of the products of these islands were shown the group in the observation room.

The primary children have also been enjoying spring outings. With Miss Jones and Miss Song they spent a lovely morning in Moorhead Park, playing with the swings and teeters, noting the many birds and plants, and having a splendid lunch.

Through the help of the janitors the third grade has acquired an extra sand table for their Viking scene. A black-board drawing of the mountains constitutes the background, the log houses and hall, with a foreground of fjords complete the picture.

The Junior High School girls' baseball team had a most successful week. On Wednesday they won from the College O. K. team, and on Friday they took the game from the Sharpe Junior High School by a score of 66 to 9.

The third grade has completed Viking booklets, containing an outline of their lessons on the subjects. A paper-cutting cover of a Viking scene decorates the little book.

The sixth grade has completed the first act of their puppet show, "The Magic Rug," a scene of Africa, showing the Nile and the Sahara.

The fourth grade is writing Japanese and Chinese plays in completion of their study of these countries.

Cuts of scenes of early Moorhead have been received by the Junior High School for use in the Moccasin.

Basketry is holding the interests of the fourth grade, some very fine baskets having been made.

This group has also been enjoying victrola records of bird songs.

Last week's issue of the MISTIC announced that Window Washing Day was to be tomorrow. The date has been changed to a week from tomorrow. On Saturday, May 16, at 8 o'clock a. m., the work will begin.

## AROUND THE LIBRARY

Some people think "The Reader's Guide" is the woman on duty behind the desk. It would save much effort for this woman if more people knew and used "The Reader's Guide" which is short for guide to periodical literature.

The magazine rack is full of lively periodicals, the Life, American Magazine, Good Housekeeping, and The Ladies Home Journal, like Abou Ben Adhem, lead all the rest. The MISTIC especially recommends articles in four of the more sober journals which should interest, it seems, any college student. "The Organization Complex in Our Colleges," by Ruth Steele Brooks in the May Scribner's, is a pungent summary of a disease that afflicts every campus, this one most certainly not excepted. "The Schools of the Future," by Sarah N. Cleghorn in the May Century is a prediction in regard to the schools of 1950. This should interest at least that minority who plan to continue beyond the usual two years. "Furthermore—" by John Hayes Taylor in the May Atlantic, is in part a reply to an interesting article in the February issue of the same magazine, "Am I Too Old to Teach?" by "Old P—." The present article deals justly and mercilessly with a pedagogical penchant of the moment, the desire of "useful courses." . . . Of a different sort is the article, "Our Native Dramatist Comes Into His Own," by Grenville Vernon in the beautiful 25th anniversary number of Theatre Magazine, for May. This is useful information for those who follow dramatic developments of the day. —Abelard.

## LAMBDA PHI BROADENS SCOPE

Having settled such vexing details as the form of questionnaire to be given to prospective members, the kind of invitations to be sent out for banquets, and the color of the "please remit" cards, the Lambda Phi Sigma is now turning its attention to other things. The meeting Tuesday was given over to an open forum discussion of the relation of the society to the school. Naturally there was a certain amount of hesitancy to express their opinions (often summed up in the term inhibition), on the part of some of the members, but it is expected that this shyness will soon wear off. Miss Redlinger, Miss Lokensgard, and Mr. Doleman were named as a committee to prepare a program for the next meeting, Tuesday, May 12.

The College Chronicle, bi-weekly publication of St. Cloud S. T. C., reports the death of John Keaveney, member of the Senior class and editor of The Talahi, year book of the college. Mr. Keaveney was accidentally killed in a railway accident.

## College Calendar

### Friday, May 8:

11:15—General Assembly, Musical Program by Intermediate Grades, directed by Miss Florence Bullard.

3:15—Dramatic Club.

8:15—Home Economics Club.

### Saturday, May 9:

Clay County Play Day.

### Monday, May 11:

2:25—Chapel Choir.

5:00—Y. W. C. A. Cabinet.

6:45—Camp Fire Girls.

### Tuesday, May 12:

8:20—Dramatic Club.

3:15—College Orchestra.

4:45—Special meeting, Lambda Phi Sigma, Room D.

### Wednesday, May 13:

10:19—Assembly: Historical film, "Montcalm and Wolfe," from Chronicles of America.

3:15—Senior Voice Class.

3:30—Art Club.

4:00—Arion Club.

### Thursday, May 14:

9:15—Chapel Choir.

7:00—Y. W. C. A. meeting, Wheeler Hall.

N. B.—The next film will be shown May 13; was incorrectly printed May 6 in the last issue.

For the rest of the quarter and during the summer session study hours begin at 8:00 o'clock instead of at 7:30 p. m.

## OLD HOME FURNISHINGS WANTED

A movement is now under way in this college to gather up furnishings such as were used in early Minnesota homes and put them on exhibition during the closing week of school. If possible the entire furnishings of an early home are to be gathered and arranged in a suitable manner for display. The co-operation of the student body is necessary to make this project a success. A suggested list of the things needed is muzzle loading guns, powder horns, bullet pouches, pewter plates, old crockery, copper kettles, old furniture, chopping bowls, old clocks, hand woven goods, piece quilts, spinning wheel, weaving loom, old books, dresses and costumes of early days, old-fashioned table linen, and the inevitable ox cart and ox harness. Any student who can secure such articles is asked to report to Miss Ella Hawkinson. All material will be handled with great care and returned to the owners in as good condition as when received.

Speaking of dogs, have you seen "Dahly's" new hound which she recently adopted from the vicinity of Pelican Rapids? Dahly says she must keep to the prairie from now on as her dog is not accustomed to the city.